



Wetland Wildlife Walk

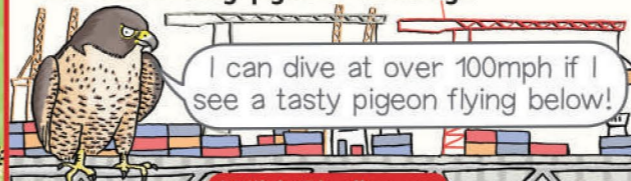
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Nature trail

Puzzles and activities

6. Goatee Beach (optional)

Sometimes peregrine falcons nest on the electricity pylons nearby.



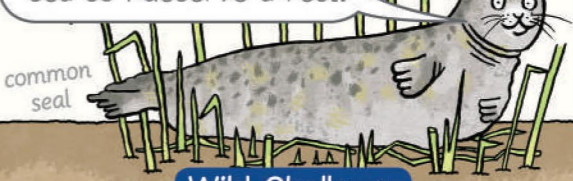
Wild Challenge

- Can you spot -
 - a crane moving?
 - a bird wading?
 - 5 different coloured things?

5. Causeway

A curious seal once swam up here and sunbathed on the river bank!

Eling is 10 miles from the sea so I deserve a rest!



Wild Challenge

- Can you find the sea gates which let water in but not out?
- Are the boats floating or resting on the mud?
- How much does it cost for a car to cross the toll bridge?

4. Tunnel of Trees

Ponds are good feeding places for bats.



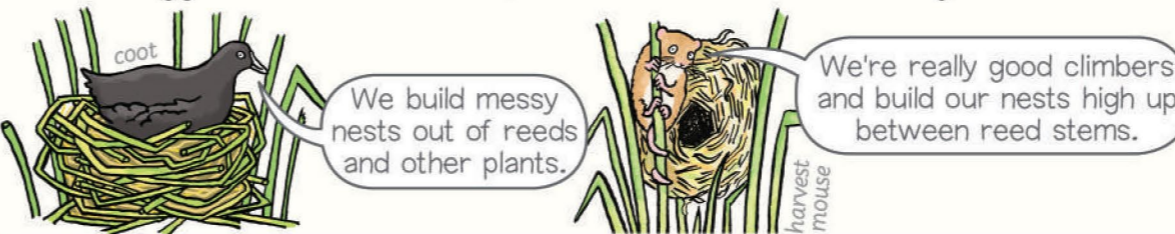
They often roost in holes in tree trunks.

Wild Challenge

- Can you find -
 - an oak leaf or acorn?
 - a hole or crack in a tree trunk?
- What might live inside?

3. Whispering Reeds

Reeds are a type of giant grass. They can grow in both fresh and salty water, but are bigger and healthier here, where the water is less salty.

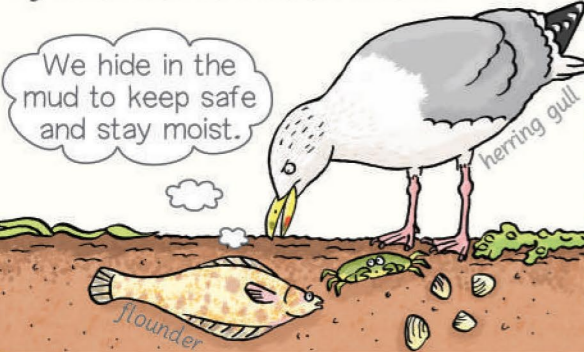


Wild Challenge

- Can you find a plant with -
 - flowers?
 - berries?
- Which is the tallest tree you can see? Mark it on the map.

1. Muddy Millpond

When the tide goes out, there is a lot of mud and not much water.

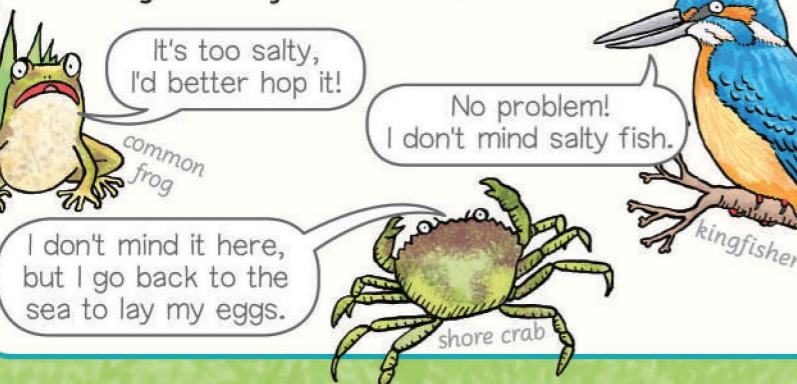


Wild Challenge

- How many birds can you spot in 5 minutes?
 - Use the Bird Spotter on the back.
- Can you touch something -
 - rough?
 - smooth?

2. Bridge and Boardwalk

The millpond is filled by fresh water (from the river) and salty water (from the sea).



Wild Challenge

- Can you find some -
 - ivy?
 - lichen or moss?
- Can you hear 3 different sounds?

1/2 mile 0.8km Circular route Step-free, fully surfaced

+1/2 mile 0.8km Optional Goatee Beach extension Step-free, unsurfaced in parts

START Visitor Centre

Eling Tide Mill

Millpond

Cemetery

Bartley Water

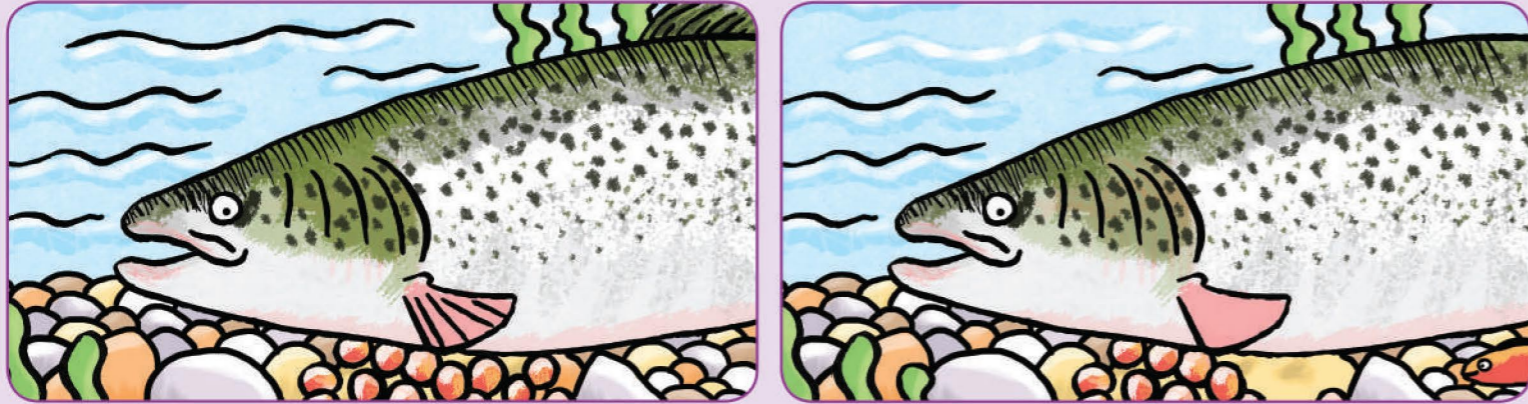
Southampton Docks

To the sea →

Spot the Difference: Super Sea Trout

Most trout live in rivers but some swim huge distances to go and live in the sea (where there is more food). They grow big and strong and change from brown to silver. They swim back to the river to lay their eggs.

Can you spot all 6 differences between these two pictures?

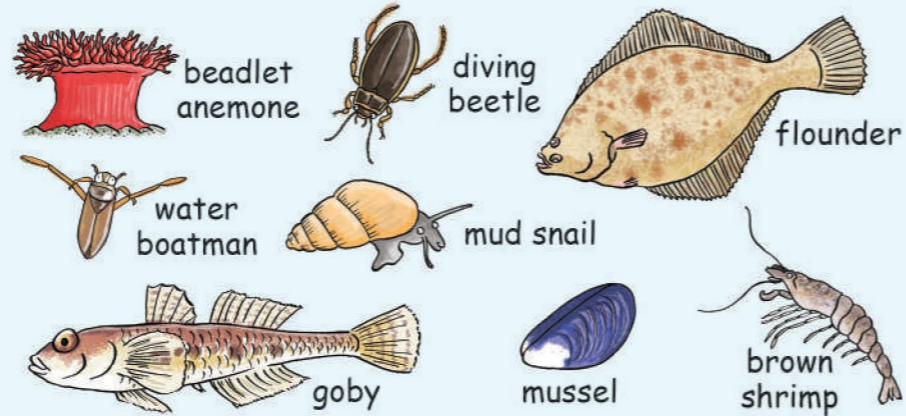


Word Search: Watery Wildlife

Fresh river water and salty seawater flow into the millpond and mix together. We call this mixture brackish water.

These creatures can live in brackish water. Can you find them?

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 a y q r h n o l h m a d g u
 b e a d l e t a n e m o n e
 n a m t a o b r e t a w y o
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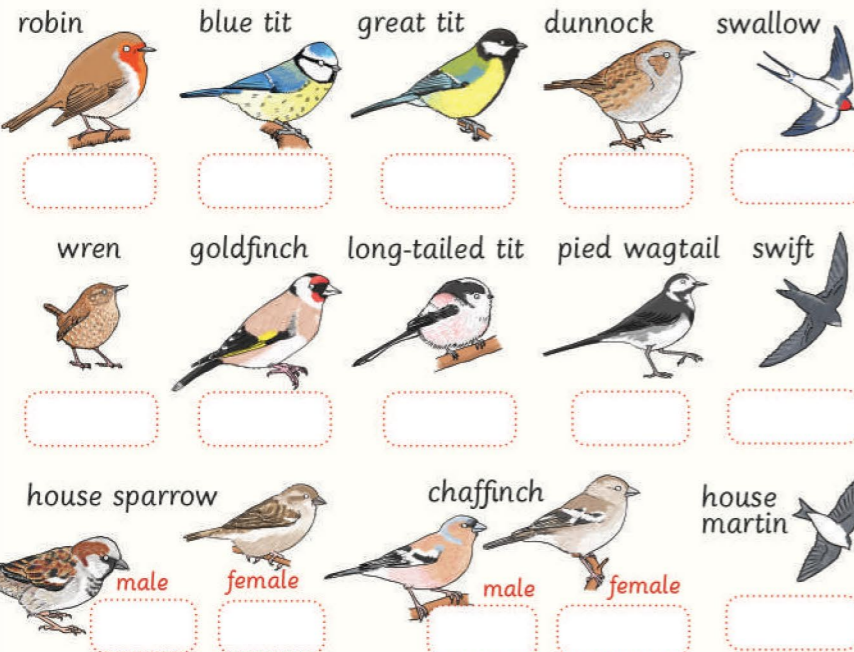


Colouring In: Feeding Time at Goatee Beach

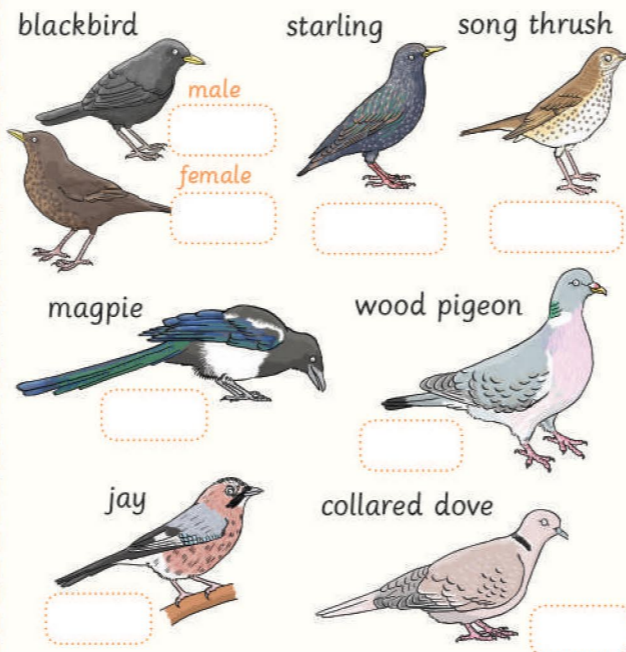


When the tide goes out, wading birds use their beaks to search for shellfish and worms in the mud. See what you can learn by watching how different types of birds find their food.

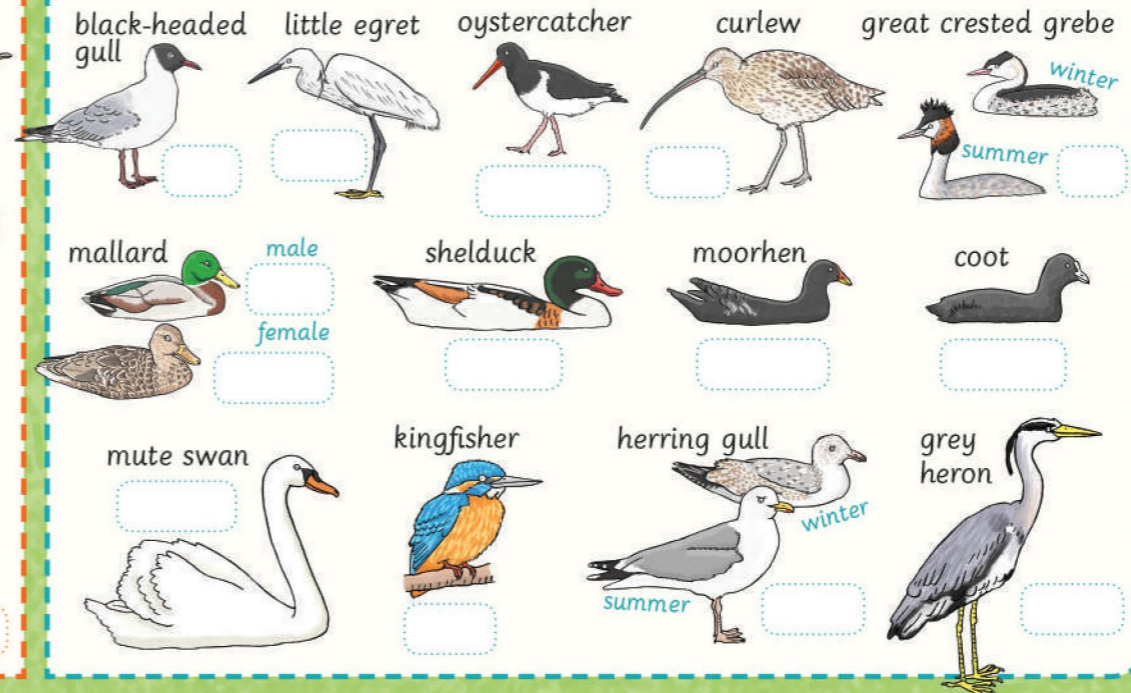
Small Birds



Medium-sized Birds



Waterbirds



Birds are not drawn to scale.

BIRD SPOTTER II



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